

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

(1) Please cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Claims 1-5 (cancelled).

(2) Please add Claims 6-9 as follows:

Claim 6 (new): A filter for phase separation, comprising: a plurality of film elements stacked on top of each other showing central perforations aligned with each other, whereby several stacks are arranged in parallel as well as matrix-like fashion to each other, while film elements of neighboring stacks lie on a common level connected to each other by means of connecting fillets, and whereby the phase to be filtered flows from the outside through spaces in between neighboring film elements and the filtered phase flows out through channels formed by means of the central perforations; a base plate and a cover plate, between which the stacks with the film elements are arranged and distinguished by means of the base plate, showing guiding channels aligned with the perforations of the film elements for the soiled phase, and that the cover plate shows guiding channels for the filtered phase as well as an outlet for the clean phase and air channels for the air cleaning of the dirty channels between the ring stacks of the film elements; and a preloading device is provided for between the base plate and cover plate, by means of which the pressure on the stacks with their film elements can be regulated.

Claim 7 (new): The filter according to one of the previous claims, wherein all the film elements lying on the same level being connected to each other by means of connecting fillets.

Claim 8 (new): The filter according to one of the previous claims, is distinguished, by the film elements lying on the cutting points of the grid lines, and the connecting fillets on the grid lines of a rectangular, particularly square grid net.

Claim 9 (new): The filter according to one of the previous claims, is distinguished, by the film elements as well as the connecting fillets being punched out of a single sheet of film.